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**KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis - Moms want to test for radiation in Bridgeton** - 4/16/14 - If the federal government won't test for radiation, some West Lake Landfill neighbors say they'll do it themselves. Dawn Chapman and her group, Just Moms STL, plan to deploy radiation detectors in St. Louis County by the end of the week. The EPA said it does plan to start testing for radiation for the first time, outside West Lake's boundaries. <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/2014/04/15/bridgeton-landfill-radiation-testing/7762985/>

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Law firm donates radiation detector to residents around West Lake Landfill** - 4/15/14 - A lawyer who is suing the owners of West Lake Landfill has donated a \$16,000 radiation detector to a group of concerned residents who live near the Bridgeton site. [http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/law-firm-donates-radiation-detector-to-residents-around-west-lake/article\\_e62c8907-9754-55ca-8a66-ab8f2999bf1d.html](http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/law-firm-donates-radiation-detector-to-residents-around-west-lake/article_e62c8907-9754-55ca-8a66-ab8f2999bf1d.html)

**Des Moines Register - CCI: Shut down large ag operations with repeat violations** - 4/15/14 - Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement members pushed state leaders Tuesday to shut down large livestock operations that have repeated spills. The group asked the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission to adopt a "three strikes and you're out" policy for concentrated animal feeding operations. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/money/agriculture/green-fields/2014/04/16/shut-ag-operations-repeat-violators-cci-says/7765291/>

NOTE: Paywall issues may keep you from seeing this article. Full text is included at the end of this email.

**KSN Ch. 3 Wichita - Official KDHE statement on contaminated groundwater in Wichita** - 4/15/14 - The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has identified groundwater contaminated by tetrachloroethylene (PCE), a volatile organic chemical (VOC) commonly used in dry cleaning, in an area to the south and southeast of the former Four Seasons Dry Cleaners near W. Central and N. Tyler in Wichita. <http://ksn.com/2014/04/15/official-kdhe-statement-on-contaminated-groundwater-in-wichita/>

**KMOX Radio St. Louis - Lawmakers Urged to Prohibit Regulation on Wood-Burning Heaters - 4/16/14** - The Department of Natural Resources would be prohibited from regulating wood burning heaters and appliances under a proposed measure. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/04/16/lawmakers-urged-to-prohibit-regulation-on-wood-burning-heaters/>

**Daily Caller - GAO: Feds can't say how much spent on environmental litigation - 4/15/14** - A report by the Government Accountability Office found that the federal government doesn't have a government-wide system to track the number of lawsuits brought against it by special interest groups every year. <http://dailycaller.com/2014/04/15/gao-feds-cant-say-how-much-spent-on-environmental-litigation/>

**WQAD Ch. 8 Quad Cities - DNR controlled burn spreads to buildings and property - 4/15/14** - After a controlled burn spread out of control to several buildings, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources determined their staff did not follow protocol for controlled burning. <http://wqad.com/2014/04/15/dnr-controlled-burn-spreads-to-buildings-and-property/>

## **CCI: Shut down large ag operations with repeat violations**

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Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement members pushed state leaders Tuesday to shut down large livestock operations that have repeated spills.

The group asked the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission to adopt a "three strikes and you're out" policy for concentrated animal feeding operations.

The commission will hold public hearings, beginning this week, on draft rules that will guide oversight of livestock operations and water-quality protection.

The Des Moines-based grassroots group continued its complaint that the proposed rules are not tough enough and provide too much discretion to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for enforcement.

“The real problem is not what’s in the rule,” said Evan Burger, a CCI organizer. “The problem is what’s not in the rule.”

In addition to shutting down repeat runoff offenders, CCI also recommended that state officials:

- Clearly state that all “factory farm polluters” must receive a Clean Water Act permit that forces them to abide by stronger environmental standards.
- Clearly state that large livestock operations have a “duty to apply” for a Clean Water Act permit and that the burden of proof assuring pollution will not happen lies with the business.
- Require DNR to build a comprehensive, user-friendly, online database of manure spills, Clean Water Act inspections, and permitting, “so that everyday Iowans can audit the DNR’s inspections and permitting decisions.”

Justine Stevenson, director of government relations for the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association, said 98 percent of Iowa farmers are family-owned, based on the U.S. Census of Agriculture, and they work every day to protect the resources they need to make a living, including land, water and animals.

Stevenson said farm threats to water quality have been exaggerated.

There were 51 manure spills last year, 10 of which created clean water violations.

Since 1996, CCI said there have been 728 documented manure spills.

The state said it must provide at least 20 days for public comments and is providing plenty of time for comment.

Officials also say that they have met with environmental stakeholders that include CCI in drafting the proposed rules.